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\$4 million in scholarships awarded at 2009 Hispanic Youth Symposium

More than 150 students from throughout Idaho received college scholarships after participating in the 2009 Hispanic Youth Symposium in Sun Valley April 24-26.

Scholarships valued at just over \$4 million were awarded at the symposium, which brought nearly 300 Idaho Latino high school students together for a weekend of motivational speakers and hands-on workshops. Students also participated in speech, talent, art, and athletic and interactive skill competitions.

The symposium was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, contractors at Idaho National Laboratory, Gem State Diversity Initiatives, state agencies and private employers. Educational institutions awarding scholarships were College of Idaho, Boise State University, Brigham Young University-Idaho, College of Southern Idaho, College of Western Idaho, Eastern Idaho Technical College, Gonzaga University, Idaho State University, Lewis-Clark State College, Northwest Nazarene University, University of Idaho, University of Montana, Utah State University, Utah Valley University and Treasure Valley Community College. Several institutions also offered College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) scholarships. In addition, Gem State Diversity Initiatives (GSDI) awarded scholarships for all competitive events as well as to students showing promise -- \$1,000 to seniors (Si Se Puede) and \$500 to juniors (Querer Es Poder). The entire list of scholarship winners follows at the end of this news release.

The symposium targets the important themes of school dropout prevention, continuing education, taking pride in Latino culture and breaking the cycle of poverty. Through the symposium, students learn that nothing is impossible because they have the power to shape their own futures.

- Tia Velasquez of Century High School (Pocatello) was awarded the \$2,500 Natalie Lupe Reyes Memorial Scholarship for being selected the outstanding female student of the symposium. She also received a \$1,640 scholarship to BYU-Idaho and a \$9,000 scholarship to Utah Valley University.
- Marco Soberanes of Idaho Falls High School was awarded the \$2,500 Frank Gamboa Sanchez Memorial Scholarship for being selected the outstanding male student of the symposium.

Other winners (High school, name, scholarship amount):

Aberdeen High School

- Mayra Lopez -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$500 College of Southern Idaho
- Jose Nava -- \$20,800 College of Idaho
- Roberto Serna -- \$3,280 BYU-Idaho, \$500 Idaho State University
- Miguel Villafana -- \$26,145 Utah State University

American Falls High School

- Mariela Ibarra -- \$500 Idaho State University, \$500 GSDI scholarship for third place in the speech competition
- Carolina Gonzalez -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$1,200 GSDI scholarship for first place in the speech competition and \$1,250 for first place in the Issues to Action team competition
- Maria Adilene Gutierrez -- \$20,800 College of Idaho
- San Juanita Montoya -- \$20,800 College of Idaho
- Maria Rangel -- \$92,600 College of Idaho, \$1,250 GSDI scholarship for first place in the Issues to Action team competition

Blackfoot High School

- Selene Gonzalez -- \$20,800 College of Idaho
- Erika Martinez -- \$535 Northwest Nazarene University
- Arnulfo Pelayo -- \$20,800 College of Idaho

Bliss High School

- Alejandra Campos -- \$500 GSDI scholarship for second place in the Issues to Action team competition

Boise High School

- Sofia Jaramillo -- \$20,800 College of Idaho
- Laura Rodriguez -- \$500 University of Idaho

Bonneville High School

- Luis Lujan -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$4,920 BYU-Idaho
- Marco Mendoza -- \$20,800 College of Idaho
- Ana Patiño -- \$20,800 College of Idaho
- Manuel Rodriguez -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$500 Idaho State University, \$2,000 University of Idaho, \$500 GSDI scholarship for first place (male) in the 5K run

Borah High School

- Taylor Berrera -- \$56,800 College of Idaho, \$10,000 Gonzaga University, \$13,856 Utah Valley University
- Ruby Mendez -- \$3,280 BYU-Idaho
- Sandra Sagrero -- \$20,800 College of Idaho

Buhl High School

- Bruno Loza -- \$28,800 College of Idaho

Burley High School

- Alma Artega -- \$20,800 College of Idaho
- Lucas Nevarez -- \$500 Idaho State University
- Jorge Rios Jr. -- \$500 College of Southern Idaho

Butte High School

- Rockelle Allen -- \$3,280 BYU-Idaho

Caldwell High School

- Daisy Ambriz -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$1,250 University of Idaho
- Natalie Garcia -- \$84,900 College of Idaho
- Elizabeth Peña -- \$67,300 College of Idaho, \$37,600 Northwest Nazarene University, \$500 GSDI scholarship for third place in the art competition
- Chris Serrano -- \$20,800 College of Idaho

Capital High School

- Sergio Cabrera -- \$1,500 Treasure Valley Community College
- Laura Martinez -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$2,000 Boise State University, \$250 GSDI scholarship for second place (female) in the 5K run, \$1,000 Si Se Puede scholarship

Cascade High School

- Danielle Kleint -- \$20,800 College of Idaho

Cassia Alternative High School

- Abdur Dominguez -- \$36,800 College of Idaho

Centennial High School

- Keren Carpenteyro -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$3,280 BYU-Idaho, \$37,600 Northwest Nazarene University
- Carlos Gomez -- \$20,800 College of Idaho
- Anthony Gonzalez -- \$36,800 College of Idaho, \$32,000 University of Montana, \$250 GSDI scholarship for the people's choice award in the talent competition (traditional)

Central High School

- Adrian Lemus -- \$1,000 Eastern Idaho Technical College

Columbia High School

- Geraldin Crispin -- \$32,800 College of Idaho, \$12,000 University of Montana
- Martika Flores -- \$36,800 College of Idaho
- Yadira Morales -- \$20,800 College of Idaho
- Cristian Sandoval -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$3,000 Boise State University CAMP, \$1,200 GSDI scholarship for first place in the art competition

Dietrich High School

- Alberto Cabrera -- \$1,000 Si Se Puede scholarship
- Valeria McDaniel -- \$3,280 BYU-Idaho

Eagle High School

- Jennifer Cardenas -- \$36,800 College of Idaho
- Miranda Palacio -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$250 GSDI scholarship for people's choice award in the talent competition (contemporary)

Emerson High School (Westview)

- Kasna Roberts -- \$2,000 scholarship from North Wind, Inc.
- Maribel Trejo -- \$2,000 scholarship from North Wind, Inc.

Filer High School

- Ana Zavala -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$27,145 Utah State University

Firth High School

- Marsela Martinez -- \$500 Eastern Idaho Technical College, \$1,000 Si Se Puede scholarship
- Mark Zamora -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$3,280 BYU-Idaho, \$1,500 Treasure Valley Community College

Frank Church High School

- Dominik Mandujano -- \$20,800 College of Idaho

Glenns Ferry High School

- Adriana Ballesteros -- \$3,675 University of Idaho CAMP, \$500 GSDI scholarship for second place in the talent competition (traditional)
- Janet Bejar -- \$500 College of Southern Idaho
- Gustavo Hernandez -- \$500 GSDI scholarship for second place in the talent competition (traditional)

Hansen High School

- Carlos Vargas -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$3,000 Boise State University CAMP

Highland High School

- Katherine Carlsen -- \$52,000 College of Idaho, \$500 GSDI scholarship for second place in the Issues to Action team competition
- Kire Barraza -- \$3,280 BYU-Idaho, \$10,000 Gonzaga University, \$500 Querer Es Poder scholarship

Hillcrest High School

- Jon Alban -- \$1,640 BYU-Idaho

Homeschooled student

- Juan Francisco Luna Jr. -- \$37,600 Northwest Nazarene University

Homedale High School

- Jessica Sotelo -- \$78,200 College of Idaho, \$1,250 University of Idaho
- Blanca Uriarte -- \$3,675 University of Idaho CAMP
- Miguel Vasquez -- \$3,675 University of Idaho CAMP

Idaho Arts Charter School

- Krystina Garcia -- \$2,000 College of Western Idaho, \$37,600 Northwest Nazarene University

Idaho Falls High School

- Jennifer Hernandez -- \$20,800 College of Idaho
- Maria Ana Avila De Lizaur -- \$500 University of Idaho, \$32,000 University of Montana
- Maria Isabel Avila De Lizaur -- \$36,800 College of Idaho, \$500 University of Idaho, \$32,000 University of Montana

Independence Alternative High School

- Carlos Lopez -- \$1,000 Si Se Puede scholarship

Jerome High School

- Lizbeth Jauregui -- \$34,800 College of Idaho, \$13,856 Utah Valley University
- Jessica Mendoza -- \$20,800 College of Idaho
- Sergio Mendoza -- \$37,600 Northwest Nazarene University
- Giselle Sedano -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$3,000 Boise State University CAMP
- Sara Valdez -- \$2,400 College of Southern Idaho

Kuna High School

- Daniel Baeza -- \$20,800 College of Idaho

Lewiston High School

- Ridge Fuentes -- \$20,800 College of Idaho
- Talarie Guier -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$1,250 Lewis-Clark State College

Mackay High School

- Veronica Martinez -- \$3,000 Boise State University CAMP, \$2,750 University of Idaho

Madison High School

- Rogelio Aguirre -- \$1,000 GSDI scholarship for an award of merit (essay competition)
- Irving Loya -- \$1,350 Eastern Idaho Technical College
- Giovanna Sweat -- \$40,800 College of Idaho

Melba High School

- Karla Avalos -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$2,000 College of Western Idaho, \$37,600 Northwest Nazarene University
- Martha Santos -- \$2,000 College of Western Idaho, \$37,600 Northwest Nazarene University

Meridian High School

- José Prado -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$1,500 University of Idaho

Middleton High School

- Amy Melendez -- \$500 Asul Mendez scholarship

Minico High School

- Marisela Castillo -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$3,675 University of Idaho CAMP, \$9,974 Utah State University
- Monica Delgado -- \$20,800 College of Idaho
- Lanellia Palomarez -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$1,000 Si Se Puede scholarship

Mountain Home High School

- Julio Cantu -- \$1,000 GSDI scholarship for second place in the art competition, \$500 Querer Es Poder scholarship
- Jennifer Juarez -- \$46,448 College of Idaho, \$3,675 University of Idaho CAMP

Mountain View High School

- Ana Mejia -- \$1,000 College of Western Idaho
- Sara Mercado -- \$36,800 College of Idaho
- Joana Ortiz -- \$20,800 College of Idaho
- Blanca Vanegas -- \$3,000 Boise State University CAMP, \$2,000 College of Western Idaho, \$37,600 Northwest Nazarene University, \$3,675 University of Idaho CAMP, \$1,000 GSDI scholarship for award of merit (essay competition)

Nampa High School

- Maricela Ballesteros -- \$1,000 Si Se Puede scholarship
- Maria Emma Garcia -- \$54,200 College of Idaho, \$3,000 Boise State University CAMP, \$37,600 Northwest Nazarene University
- Estephania Gongora -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$10,000 Gonzaga University, \$500 Querer Es Poder scholarship
- Guadalupe Gonzalez -- \$22,800 College of Idaho, \$37,600 Northwest Nazarene University
- Cristina Medrano -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$3,675 University of Idaho CAMP
- Mariana Morales -- \$20,800 College of Idaho

North Fremont High School

- Joel Vega -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$3,675 University of Idaho CAMP

Notus High School

- Vanessa Guillen -- \$1,250 University of Idaho
- Hector Luna -- \$600 Lewis-Clark State College

Oakley High School

- Iris Evelia Barajas -- \$20,800 College of Idaho
- Karen Contreras -- \$500 College of Southern Idaho, \$1,000 GSDI scholarship for award of merit (essay competition)

Parma High School

- Laura Diaz -- \$500 College of Southern Idaho
- Abelardo Gallegos -- \$1,000 College of Western Idaho
- Nancy Gomez-Jimenez -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$500 Lewis-Clark State College
- Paula Yniguez -- \$3,000 Boise State University CAMP

Pocatello High School

- Deyis Figueroa -- \$20,800 College of Idaho
- Nicole Rodriguez -- \$16,000 University of Montana

Preston High School

- Anabel Judith Hernandez -- \$250 GSDI scholarship for fourth place in the speech competition
- Ivan Vazquez -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$1,000 Idaho State University, \$13,856 Utah Valley University, \$1,200 GSDI scholarship for first place in the talent competition (contemporary), \$500 Querer Es Poder scholarship

Raft River High School

- Brittany Gonzalez -- \$20,800 College of Idaho

Rigby High School

- Kasandra Hernandez -- \$20,800 College of Idaho
- Lisa Marie King -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$1,640 BYU-Idaho, \$500 GSDI scholarship for third place in the talent competition (contemporary), \$1,000 Si Se Puede scholarship
- Emily Reyes -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$13,856 Utah Valley University

Ririe High School

- Angie Kisner -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$500 College of Southern Idaho
- Kadie Perez -- \$28,800 College of Idaho

Shelley High School

- Richard Martinez -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$1,000 Idaho State University, \$37,600 Northwest Nazarene University, \$9,974 Utah State University, \$1,000 Si Se Puede scholarship
- Javier Velasco -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$37,600 Northwest Nazarene University

Shoshone High School

- Maria Concepción García -- \$500 Lewis-Clark State College

Skyline High School

- Lance Carvajal -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$1,640 BYU-Idaho
- Olivia Lora -- \$28,800 College of Idaho
- Martha Ramirez -- \$20,800 College of Idaho
- Jorge Rangel -- \$28,800 College of Idaho, \$1,000 Idaho State University, \$37,600 Northwest Nazarene University, \$2,000 University of Idaho, \$11,974 Utah State University
- Araceli Trejo -- \$87,400 College of Idaho, \$3,000 Boise State University, \$3,000 Boise State University CAMP, \$37,600 Northwest Nazarene University

Snake River High School

- Abraham Martínez -- \$79,000 College of Idaho, \$3,675 University of Idaho CAMP, \$10,974 Utah State University, \$250 GSDI scholarship for people's choice award in the art competition
- Bianca Rodríguez -- \$28,800 College of Idaho

Soda Springs High School

- Debra Ochoa -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$3,280 BYU-Idaho

South Fremont High School

- Irving Benítez -- \$3,000 Boise State University CAMP
- Cristina García -- \$3,000 Boise State University CAMP
- Rubia Rangel -- \$27,300 College of Idaho, \$1,000 GSDI scholarship for second place in the speech competition
- Francisco Rodríguez -- \$20,800 College of Idaho

Teton High School

- Micheline Espejel -- \$28,800 College of Idaho, \$500 College of Southern Idaho
- Luis Ortiz -- \$1,000 Eastern Idaho Technical College, \$37,600 Northwest Nazarene University, \$12,000 University of Montana
- Celia Pérez-Carrillo -- \$1,000 Si Se Puede scholarship
- Kevin Sosa -- \$2,400 College of Southern Idaho

Timberline High School

- Diana Cook -- \$52,000 College of Idaho, \$3,200 University of Idaho, \$1,000 Utah State University, \$500 GSDI scholarship for first place (female) in the 5K run
- Cindy Samantha Rodríguez -- \$3,280 BYU-Idaho

Twin Falls High School

- Francisco Aguirre -- \$20,800 College of Idaho

Vallivue High School

- Marissa Calderón -- \$3,000 Boise State University CAMP
- Mariza De Loera -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$2,000 Boise State University, \$1,500 University of Idaho, \$1,200 GSDI scholarship for first place in the talent competition (traditional)
- Laura Franco -- \$3,675 University of Idaho CAMP
- Ivonne Martínez -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$2,400 College of Southern Idaho
- Naomi Nuñez -- \$1,000 Si Se Puede scholarship, \$500 scholarship from Portage, Inc.

Weiser High School

- Esmerelda Nabarrete -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$3,000 Lewis-Clark State College
- Viky Vargas -- \$1,000 GSDI scholarship for award of merit (essay competition)

Wendell High School

- Arnold Mendiola -- \$3,000 Boise State University CAMP, \$3,750 University of Idaho, \$500 GSDI scholarship for third place in the talent competition (traditional)
- Michael Sandoval -- \$1,000 GSDI scholarship for second place in the talent competition (contemporary), \$2,000 scholarship from North Wind, Inc.

West Jefferson High School

- Maria Luisa Saldaña -- \$500 Eastern Idaho Technical College

Wilder High School

- Edgar Aguilera -- \$20,800 College of Idaho, \$500 College of Southern Idaho
- Arturo Espinosa -- \$98,500 College of Idaho
- Miguel Rodríguez -- \$98,660 College of Idaho, \$250 GSDI scholarship for second place (male) in the 5K run
- Daniel Sandoval -- \$77,300 College of Idaho

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